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SUBSTANCE IN LIQUID PHASE INTO PLASTICS GRANULES

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) as a **Continuation** application of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP99/10258, filed on December 20, 1999, which claimed priority of **European** Patent Application No. 98204456.2, filed December 29, 1998, and of US Provisional Application No. 60/114,534, filed on December 31, 1998.

1. Application - 47 pages, including 2 independent claims and 44 claims total (as amended).
2. Copy of cover page of International Publication No. WO 00/38895 with Abstract of the Disclosure.

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- 3 Preliminary Amendment.
- 4 Drawings - 8 sheets of formal drawings containing 11 figures.
- 5 Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with documents attached.
- 6 The filing fee is calculated as follows:

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Variable	Mean	SD	Min	Max
Age	34.5	10.2	21	55
Gender	0.5	0.5	0	1
Marital status	0.6	0.5	0	1
Education	12.5	1.5	9	16
Income	15.2	5.8	5	35
Health status	1.2	0.8	0	3
Stress level	2.1	1.1	1	4
Life satisfaction	3.8	1.2	2	5
Work engagement	4.2	0.9	3	5
Organizational commitment	4.5	1.0	3	5
Turnover intention	1.5	0.7	0	3
Job satisfaction	3.5	1.1	2	5
Perceived organizational support	3.2	1.0	2	5
Trust in supervisor	3.0	0.9	2	5
Psychological distance	2.5	0.8	1	4
Emotional exhaustion	1.8	0.7	1	3
Depression	1.5	0.6	1	3
Anxiety	1.2	0.5	1	3
Resilience	3.0	0.8	2	4
Self-efficacy	3.5	0.9	2	4
Optimism	3.2	0.8	2	4
Hope	3.0	0.7	2	4
Positive affect	3.8	0.9	2	5
Negative affect	1.5	0.6	1	3
Work-life balance	3.5	1.0	2	5
Family support	3.0	0.9	2	4
Community support	2.8	0.8	2	4
Religious/spiritual beliefs	3.2	0.9	2	4
Religious/spiritual practices	3.0	0.8	2	4
Religious/spiritual community involvement	2.8	0.7	2	4
Religious/spiritual coping strategies	3.5	0.9	2	4
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